Baſſ. Heere is the money.
Por. Soft, the Iew ſhal haue all iuſtice, ſoft no haſt,
he ſhall haue nothing but the penalty.
Gra. O Iew, an vpright Iudge, a learned Iudge.
Por. Therefore prepare thee to cut of the fleſh,
Shed thou no blood, nor cut thou leſſe nor more
but iuſt a pound of fleſh: if thou tak'ſt more
or leſſe then a iuſt pound, be it but ſo much
as makes it light or heauy in the ſubſtance,
or the deuiſion of the twentith part
of one poore ſcruple, nay if the ſcale doe turne
but in the eſtimation of a hayre,
thou dyeſt, and all thy goods are confiſcate.
Gra. A ſecond Daniell, a Daniell Iew,
now infidell *I* haue you on the hip.
Por. Why doth the Iew pauſe, take thy forfaiture.
Shy. Giue me my principall, and let me goe.
Baſſ. I haue it ready for thee, here it is.
Por. Hee hath refuſd it in the open Court,
hee ſhall haue meerely iuſtice and his bond.
Gra. A Daniell ſtill ſay *I*, a ſecond Daniell,
I thanke thee *I*ew for teaching me that word.
Shy. Shall *I* not haue barely my principall?
Por. Thou ſhalt haue nothing but the forfaiture
to be ſo taken at thy perrill Iew.
Shy. Why then the deuill giue him good of it:
Ile ſtay no longer queſtion.
Por. Tarry Iew,
the law hath yet another hold on you.
It is enacted in the lawes of Venice,
if it be proued againſt an alien,
that by direct, or indirect attempts
he ſeeke the life of any Citizen,
the party gainſt the which he doth contriue,
ſhall ſeaze one halfe his goods, the other halfe
comes to the priuie coffer of the State,
and the offenders life lies in the mercy

of the Duke onely, gainſt all other voyce.
In which predicament I ſay thou ſtandſt:
for it appeares by manifeſt proceeding,
that indirectly, and directly to
thou haſt contriued againſt the very life
of the defendant: and thou haſt incurd
the danger formerly by me rehearſt.
Downe therefore, and beg mercie of the Duke.
Gra. Beg that thou maiſt haue leaue to hang thy ſelfe,
and yet thy wealth beeing forfait to the ſtate,
thou haſt not left the value of a cord,
therefore thou muſt be hangd at the ſtates charge.
Duke. That thou ſhalt ſee the difference of our ſpirit
I pardon thee thy life before thou aske it:
for halfe thy wealth, it is *Anthonios*,
the other halfe comes to the generall ſtate,
vvhich humblenes may driue vnto a fine.
Por. I for the ſtate, not for *Anthonio*.
Shy. Nay, take my life and all, pardon not that,
you take my houſe, when you doe take the prop
that doth ſuſtaine my houſe: you take my life
vvhen you doe take the meanes whereby *I* liue.
Por. What mercy can you render him *Anthonio*?
Gra. A halter gratis, nothing elſe for Godſake.
Anth. So pleaſe my Lord the Duke, & all the Court
to quit the fine for one halfe of his goods,
I am content: ſo he will let me haue
the other halfe in vſe, to render it
vpon his death vnto the Gentleman
that lately ſtole his daughter.
Two things prouided more, that for this fauour
he preſently become a Chriſtian:
the other, that he doe record a gift
heere in the Court of all he dies poſſeſt
vnto his ſonne *Lorenzo* and his daughter.
Duke. He ſhall doe this, or elſe I doe recant
the pardon that I late pronounced heere.